(b) the amount of work yet to be completed and the main reasons for delay;

(c) the estimated expenditure of this plan; and

(d) by when Bhind to Etawah railway line would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Guna-Etawah (348.25 km) new rail line was sanctioned in 1985-86. Entire section except Bhind-Etawah (36 km) has already been completed and commissioned. There has been delay in completion of this 36 km section due to non-transfer of forest land involving Wild Life Sanctuary by Government of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Work shall be completed in about a year time once the land is made available. The latest anticipated cost of the project is Rs.515.24 crore.

Survey of rail lines in Uttarakhand

†2753. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway lines in the State of Uttarakhand where survey work is in progress;

(b) whether Ramnagar-Chaukhutia railway line mentioned in the speech of Minister of Railways in the year 1984-85 has also been included in these railway lines; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and time by when the survey work of this line is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No survey is in progress in the State of Uttarakhand.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The survey for Ramnagar to Chaukhutiya line had already been completed in 1994-95.

New railway zone at Salem

2754. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any administrative obstacles and inconvenience to operate the new railway zone at Salem in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by Government to solve such obstacles and also the indifferent attitude of the officials at Bangalore railway zone and Palakkad railway division; and

(d) the amount allocated for the full fledged railway operations at Salem, Tamil Nadu?

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